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SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH, 1856.

THOMAS ROMNEY ROBINSON, D.D., PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

THE Secretary of the Council read the following Report from the Council:—

REPORT.

The history of the Academy for the past year does not present much which calls for particular remark from the Council.

The printing of the Transactions and Proceedings has been carried on with much regularity.

Of the Transactions, the twenty-second Volume has been completed, the sixth Part having been published in March last. Considerable progress has been made in the printing of the first and second Parts of the twenty-third Volume, and several papers passed by the Council for publication are in the printer's hands.

The Proceedings of the Academy will show that many interesting papers have been communicated to us during the past year.

In Pure Mathematics, we have had papers from Sir William R. Hamilton, Rev. Dr. Graves, Rev. Mr. Salmon, and Rev. Mr. Carmichael.

In Mixed Mathematics, from Mr. Forster, Mr. Mallet, and Mr. Hennessy.

In the Sciences of Observation and Experiment, papers have been given us by the President, Rev. Dr. Harvey, Rev. Mr. Galbraith, Rev. Mr. Haughton, Dr. Aldridge, Mr. Barton, Mr. Hennessy, and Mr. Neville.

In Polite Literature, we have had papers from Dr. Waller, Rev. Dr. Hincks, Rev. Dr. Nolan, and Rev. Dr. Graves.

In Antiquities, from Dr. Petrie, Rev. Dr. Todd, and Mr. Smith.

Some time since, the Council had the pleasure of announcing to the Academy, that, in compliance with a request addressed by the President to the Lord Lieutenant, the annual Parliamentary Grant

had been increased to £500. The addition thus made to our funds has been allocated by the Academy to the Library and Museum; and the efficiency of both these departments will thus be greatly increased.

The Council regret that there has been much delay in the arrangement and cataloguing of the articles in the Museum. The cases intended for their reception are not yet complete; but as soon as this deficiency, which has retarded the process of arrangement, shall have been supplied, they hope to be able to proceed more regularly and speedily with this important work.

A most important addition has been made to our Library within the last year. By the liberality of Mrs. Moore, the fine Library of the late Thomas Moore has been placed at our disposal, and, in compliance with her wish, a separate apartment has been devoted to the reception of the books, which will thus remain with us as a lasting memorial of one whose name holds so high a place among the records of Irish genius. It is needless to say, that the marked thanks of the Academy have been presented to Mrs. Moore for this splendid gift.

It will be seen by the balloting list that the number of vacancies upon the Council on the present occasion is unusually large. The simultaneous removal of so many Members, whose experience had rendered them practically acquainted with the business of the Academy, is much to be regretted. It seems desirable that in such a case some restriction should be placed upon the working of the rotation rule. This point will probably engage the attention of the new Council.

It is, perhaps, unnecessary to remind the Academy that, in accordance with a Resolution, passed in February, 1846, our President retires from office to-night; it will, therefore, be the duty of the Academy, should they approve of the recommendation embodied in that Resolution, to elect another person to fill the office of President.

A considerable addition has been made to the Museum during the past year by the purchase of—

1. A large collection of Antiquities, formed by Mr. William Wakeman.

2. A Silver Abbey Seal, purchased through the Rev. Dr. Todd.

3 & 4. A highly ornamented Bronze Celt, of the hatchet-shape pattern, and unusually large; also, a very beautiful Charm, or Bulla, formed internally of lead and superficially of gold, elegantly chased, were purchased from Mr. John Donegan.

5. The Capital of a Gothic Column, highly ornamented, was bought from Mr. Clany.

6. A few articles, found near Strokestown, were purchased from Mrs. Conry.

7. A small collection of Silver Coins, said to have been found in an excavation made in the Giant's Ring, near Belfast, were purchased through John B. Barker M.D.

8. A Sword and Dagger, were bought from Mr. John Williams.

9. An ancient Casting in Bronze, representing the Crucifixion, a Gouge, Dagger, and Fibula, composed of antique bronze, from Mr. John Underwood.

During the past year we have lost, by death, one Honorary Member, namely—

ADMIRAL SIR WILLIAM EDMOND PARRY. (Died July 7, 1855.)

During the same period we have lost three ordinary Members, namely—

JAMES HARDIMAN, Esq.
RICHARD W. TOWNSEND, Esq., C.E.
GEORGE CHAMLEY, Esq.

Seven new Members have been elected since the last annual meeting—a number unusually small. Their names are—

J. T. Gilbert, Esq.
John Ringland, M.B.
John Edward Walsh, LL. D.
Edmund William Davy, M.B.
Edward Wright, LL. D.
Samuel Downing, Esq.
James West, Esq.

IT WAS RESOLVED,—That the Report of the Council be adopted, and printed in the Proceedings.

It having been signified to the Academy that the Rev. Dr. Robinson had filled the office of President for the last five years, the Rev. Charles W. Wall, D.D. (Vice-Provost of Trinity College), proposed, and the Rev. Humphrey Lloyd, D.D., seconded, James Apjohn, M.D., as President.

Lieut.-Col. Thomas A. Larcom, R.E., proposed, and the Rev. Charles Graves, D.D., seconded, the Rev. James Henthorn Todd, D.D., as President.

The Rev. George Salmon, A.M., proposed, and the Rev. John H. Jellett, A.M., seconded, the Rev. Humphrey Lloyd, D.D., as President.

It was Resolved,—That the Scrutineers shall report at present the result of the Ballot for President only; and that the Ballot Papers for the Council be held over to an adjournment of this meeting.

It was also Resolved,—That this meeting, at its rising, do stand adjourned to Tuesday next, the 18th March, at 8 o'clock.

The Ballot having closed, the Scrutineers reported that the Rev. James Henthorn Todd, D.D., had been duly elected President of the Academy for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Thomas Romney Robinson, D.D., having left the Chair, it was occupied by the new President; whereupon it was proposed by the Rev. Humphrey Lloyd, D.D., and seconded by George Petrie, LL.D., and—

Resolved unanimously,—That the grateful acknowledgments of this Academy are due, and are hereby presented, to the Rev. Thomas Romney Robinson, for the untiring zeal which he has displayed in attending to their interests during his Presidency, and of which he has left a lasting memorial in

the house in which we meet, and in the augmented resources of the Royal Irish Academy.

The Academy then adjourned to Tuesday, March 18, at 8 o'clock, for the transaction of the remainder of the business of the Stated Meeting.